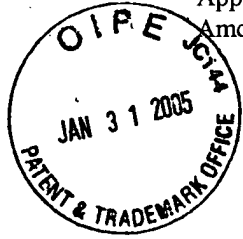


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Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

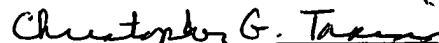
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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.

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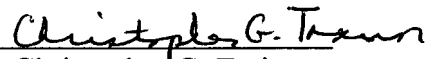
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